



S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

Official List of Conditions Requiring Exclusion from Out-of-Home Childcare Settings for 2003 with Guidance Section

Statutory authority: State law 1976 Code Sections 44-1-110, 44-1-140, and 44-29-10

DHEC Regulation # 61- 20 requires that children and employees in out-of-home childcare settings should be excluded from attendance if they have one or more of the conditions listed below. Facilities should maintain a record of children excluded under this regulation. The school should give a copy of the list of conditions that require exclusion from schools to all parents and inform them that they must notify the facility within 24 hours after their child has developed a known or suspected communicable disease. Children and staff may return to school as soon as the symptoms are resolved unless stated otherwise in the list below or by their physician.

All facilities should report confirmed cases of the following communicable diseases, and outbreaks or clusters of symptoms to the local county health department.

Guidance for Implementing Official List of Conditions Requiring Exclusion from Out-of-Home Childcare Settings

- The Exclusion from Out-of-Home Childcare Settings List helps to explain when children and staff members with conditions that may be spread to others should not attend an out-of-home childcare setting. An out-of-home childcare setting is any place where more than one child is cared for outside of the child's home.
- There is also an Exclusion from Schools List. The list for out-of-home childcare settings is different from the list for schools because infants and young children in a childcare setting often require care that involves close staff contact and often engage in close play. Another reason is that young children's systems for fighting infections are not mature.
- The type of note needed for a child or staff member to return to the childcare setting is listed in the tables that follow. The notes should be kept on file at the childcare setting for at least one calendar year. Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician's Assistants or SC DHEC Health Department staff may write medical notes for return to the childcare setting following an excludable condition.
- If a child or staff member does not respond to treatment, the health care provider or the health department may suggest longer periods of exclusion.
- If there is a disease outbreak or special circumstances, SC DHEC may change the recommendations in the Exclusion from Out-of-Home Childcare Settings List and/or the Exclusion from Schools List.

ALL CHILDREN with the following conditions in out-of-home childcare settings must be excluded from attendance:

Exclusion Criteria	Documentation for Return
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities. 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illness that results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children. 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The child has any of the following conditions: lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, or other manifestations of possible severe illness. 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fever, defined as temperature: oral 100.5 or greater; rectal 101 or greater; or axillary (armpit) 99.0 or greater, accompanied by behavior changes or other signs or symptoms of illness, until medical evaluation indicates inclusion is acceptable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Infants 4 months old and younger should be excluded for rectal temperature above 101, or axillary (armpit) temperature above 100, even if there has not been a change in their behavior. 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vomiting 2 or more times during the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration. 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stools that contain blood or mucus. 	Medical Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diarrhea (3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period until symptoms are resolved or medical evaluation indicates inclusion is acceptable.) 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infection with <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7, or other shiga-toxin producing E.Coli, until diarrhea resolves and 2 stool cultures are negative. 	Medical Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Shigella</i> infection, until completion of 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment as determined by sensitivity test, or until 2 stool cultures are negative. 	Medical Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Salmonella typhi</i> (typhoid fever) infection, until treatment is completed and three stool cultures are negative at least 48 hours after completion of drug treatment. (Nontyphoidal salmonella infections do not require treatment or negative stool cultures prior to readmission to school when symptoms resolve.) 	Medical Note for Typhoid Parent Note for Non-typhoidal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Giardia infection until symptoms are resolved. 	Setting to specify based on situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mouth sores associated with drooling, unless the child's health care provider states that the child is noninfectious. 	Medical Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rash with fever or behavioral change, until a physician has determined the illness is not a communicable disease. 	Medical Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye), until after the first treatment. 	Medical Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuberculosis, until the local health department authority or <u>treating</u> physician states that the child is noninfectious. 	Medical Note

ALL CHILDREN with the following conditions in out-of-home childcare settings must be excluded from attendance:

Exclusion Criteria	Documentation for Return
▪ Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.	Setting to specify based on situation.
▪ Streptococcal pharyngitis, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.	Medical Note
▪ Head lice (pediculosis), until after the first treatment.	Parent Note
▪ Scabies, until after treatment has been completed.	Medical Note
▪ Varicella (chickenpox), until all lesions have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).	Parent Note
▪ Varicella-Herpes Zoster (shingles), with lesions that cannot be covered, until lesions are crusted.	Parent Note
▪ Pertussis, until completion of 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy.	Medical Note
▪ Mumps, until 9 days after onset of parotid gland swelling.	Medical Note
▪ Measles, until 4 days after onset of rash.	Medical Note
▪ Rubella, until 7 days after onset of rash. Congenital Rubella until 1 year of age unless nasopharyngeal and urine cultures after 3 months of age are repeatedly negative for rubella virus.	Medical Note
▪ Hepatitis A virus (HAV) infection, until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice (if symptoms are mild).	Medical Note
▪ When recommended by the health department, contacts to <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib), <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> (meningococcal disease), or pertussis should be excluded until antibiotic treatment has been initiated.	Medical Note
▪ Other conditions when recommended by DHEC or the private physician.	SC DHEC or physician to specify.

All EMPLOYEES with the following conditions in out-of-home childcare settings must be excluded from attendance:

Exclusion Criteria	Documentation for Return
▪ Fever of 101 ⁰ or greater.	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Diarrheal illness, three or more episodes of diarrhea during the previous 24-hour period, until diarrhea resolves.	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Infection with <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7, or other shiga-toxin producing E.Coli, until diarrhea resolves and 2 stool cultures are negative.	Medical Note
▪ <i>Shigella</i> infection until completion of 5 days of appropriate antibiotics as determined by sensitivity test, or until 2 stool cultures are negative.	Medical Note
▪ <i>Salmonella typhi</i> infection, until treatment is completed and two stool cultures are negative.	Medical Note
▪ Giardia infection until symptoms are resolved.	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Vomiting 2 or more times during the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition.	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye), until after the first treatment.	Medical Note
▪ Tuberculosis, until the treating physician or local health department authority states that the staff member is noninfectious.	Medical Note
▪ Streptococcal pharyngitis, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.	Medical Note
▪ Head lice (pediculosis), until after the first treatment.	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Scabies, until after treatment has been given.	Medical Note
▪ Rash with fever or joint pain, until measles or rubella has been ruled out.	Medical Note
▪ Measles until 4 days after onset or rash.	Medical Note
▪ Rubella, until 7 days after onset of rash.	Medical Note
▪ Varicella (chickenpox), until all lesions have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Varicella: Herpes Zoster (shingles), only with lesions that cannot be covered, until lesions are crusted.	Personal Note from Employee
▪ Pertussis, until completion of 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy.	Medical Note
▪ Mumps, until 9 days after onset of parotid gland swelling.	Medical Note
▪ Hepatitis A virus (HAV) infection, until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice or until directed by the health department.	Medical Note
▪ Other conditions when recommended by DHEC or private physician.	SC DHEC or physician to specify based upon situation.

Exclusion List for Children and Staff who are contacts (exposed) to individuals with excludable conditions:

Exclusion Criteria	Documentation for Return
▪ When recommended by the health department, contacts to <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib), <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> (meningococcal disease), pertussis should be excluded until antibiotic treatment has been initiated.	Medical Note
▪ Other conditions when recommended by the health department.	SC DHEC will specify based upon situation.

Children not immunized must be excluded if exposed to:

- Measles
- Rubella
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Other conditions when recommended by DHEC

NOTE: SC DHEC will provide guidance on an individual basis regarding when a child who is not sufficiently immunized may return to the child care setting following exposure to one of the diseases listed above.

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